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Appln. No. 09/879,814

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Andreas BUCHACHER et al.

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Art Unit 1653

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Examiner MAYES, Laurie A.

For A PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION AND/OR ISOLATION OF PLASMA PROTEINS  
BY MEANS OF ANNULAR CHROMATOGRAPHY

## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant paper responds to the Advisory Action mailed July 2, 2003.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 38-48, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claims.

49. A process for the separation and/or isolation of human plasma proteins, from blood plasma or a mixture containing virus-inactivated plasma proteins, wherein

- blood plasma or said mixture is applied to a chromatographic separation medium having an annular design and having a layer of application medium of spherical particles with a hydrophobic surface applied thereon;

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